

## Department of Veterans Affairs

## § 17.710

### § 17.706 Matching requirements.

(a) *General.* The recipient must, from sources other than grant funds received under this part, match the funds provided by VA to cover the percentage of the total cost of the acquisition, rehabilitation, construction or procurement not funded by the grant. This matching share shall constitute at least 35 percent of the total cost.

(b) *Maintenance of effort.* State or local government funds used in the matching contribution are subject to the maintenance of effort requirements described at § 17.707(a) of this part.

### § 17.707 Limitations on use of assistance.

(a) *Maintenance of effort.* No assistance provided under this part may be used to replace Federal, State or local funds previously used, or designated for use, to assist homeless veterans.

(b) *Primarily religious organizations.* VA will provide assistance to a recipient that is a primarily religious organization if the organization agrees to provide housing and supportive services in a manner that is free from religious influences and the organization complies with the following principles:

(1) It will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis of religion and will not limit employment or give preference in employment to persons on the basis of religion;

(2) It will not discriminate against any person applying for housing or supportive services on the basis of religion and will not limit such housing or services or give preference to persons on the basis of religion;

(3) It will provide no religious instruction or counseling, conduct no religious worship or services, engage in no religious proselytizing, and exert no other religious influence in the provision of housing and supportive services.

### § 17.708 Notice of fund availability (NOFA).

When funds are made available for assistance, VA will publish a notice of fund availability in the FEDERAL REGISTER. The notice will:

(a) Give the location for obtaining application packages, which will pro-

vide specific application requirements and guidance;

(b) Specify the date, time, and place for submitting completed applications; and

(c) State the amount and status of funding available under the notice.

### § 17.709 Grant award process.

*General.* The grant award process for assistance under this part consists of the following:

(1) Reviewing applications for eligibility for assistance;

(2) Rating applications (see § 17.711 of this part);

(3) Selecting applications conditionally (see § 17.712 of this part);

(4) Obtaining additional information and awarding grants (see § 17.713 of this part).

### § 17.710 Application requirements.

(a) *General.* Applications for grants must be submitted in the form prescribed by VA in the application package, must meet the requirements of this part, and must be submitted within the time period established by VA in the notice of fund availability under § 17.708 of this part. The application packet includes exhibits to be prepared and submitted as part of the application process, including:

(1) Justification for the project by addressing items listed in § 17.711(c) of this part;

(2) Site description, design, and cost estimates (VA Forms 10-0362G, 10-0362H);

(3) Documentation on eligibility to receive assistance under this part (VA Form 10-0362J);

(4) Documentation on matching funds committed to the projects (VA Forms 10-0362N, 10-0362M);

(5) Documentation on operating budget and cost sharing (VA Form 10-0362P);

(6) Documentation on supportive services committed to the project (VA Form 10-0362o);

(7) Documentation on site control and appropriate zoning, and on the boundaries of the area or community proposed to be served (VA Form 10-0362Q);